



# Human Trafficking: Forced Child Labor

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## Forced Child Labor in the U.S.

Modest numbers of American youth have been found working illegally in dangerous industries like meat processing, and U.S. law allows minors working in agriculture to perform tasks known to be hazardous.

Although it is not a well-known phenomenon among the general public, many migrant farmworker children work long hours in the fields with their parents harvesting fruits and vegetables.

### Example of victim's experience as domestic worker in the U.S.:

*A 19 year old woman from the Philippines was recruited and brought to the U.S. as a domestic worker by two doctors from Milwaukee, WI in 1985. The couple forced the young woman to work in their home for the next 19 years until federal law enforcement removed her. She was isolated, forbidden to go outside, and threatened by the traffickers with arrest, imprisonment, and deportation if she was discovered.* (source: www.justice.gov)

## What is Forced Child Labor?

The sale and trafficking of children and their entrapment in bonded and forced labor including debt bondage, kidnapping, trafficking, and sale of children.

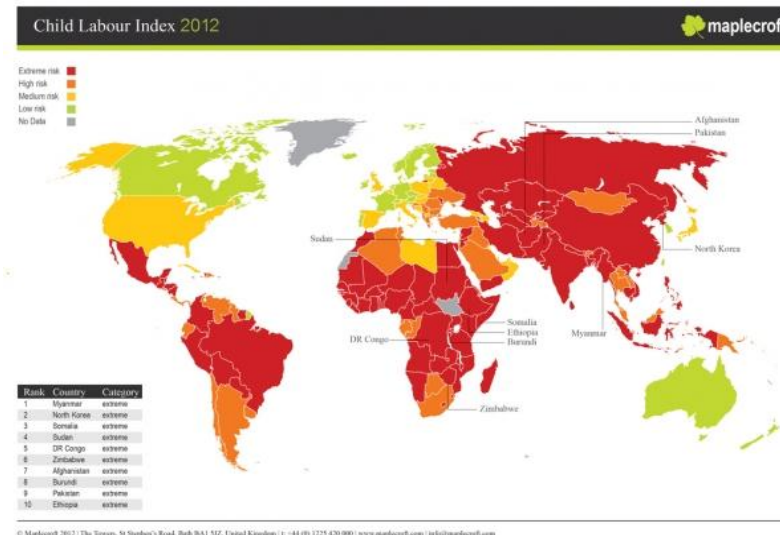
(www.dol.gov)

Important components:

- Intention is exploitation
- Refers to children between ages 5-14

**Did you know that it is estimated that over 60 million children are victims of forced child labor worldwide?** (www.unicef.org)

## Where can you find forced child labor today?



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## Forced Child Labor in Cote d'Ivoire

Did you know that over **40%** of the global supply of cocoa comes from the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire?

It is estimated that over 109,000 children are forcibly employed in the cocoa industry and over 10,000 are victims of human trafficking.

These children endure **long** hours, use **dangerous** tools, face exposure to **harmful** pesticides, and suffer **cruel** treatment all so that the price of cocoa and chocolate can stay low.

Do you want to know more?  
Watch *The Dark Side of Chocolate* or visit [www.laborrights.org](http://www.laborrights.org).